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Amendment A

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, District of Columbia 20231

Sir:

In response to Office Action mailed 2002, 23 May, please amend the above application as follows:

Title: Change to- System and methods and computer program for prevention, detection, and reversal of identity theft.

Background: Insert as Background section:

It is now a well-known fact that personal data, especially Social Security or National Identification numbers, bank accounts, credit card numbers, telephone calling card numbers, and other valuable identifying data can be used to criminally profit at a victim's expense.

In the United States and Canada, for example, many people have reported that unauthorized persons have taken funds out of their bank or financial accounts, or, in the worst cases, taken over their identities altogether, running up vast debts and committing crimes while using the victim's names.

In many cases, a victim's losses may include not only out-of-pocket financial losses, but also substantial additional financial costs associated with trying to restore reputations in the community and correcting erroneous information for which a criminal is responsible.